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RE: Application Serial No. 10/627,191

Please schedule an interview for Wednesday, May 7.

Thank you.

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AGENDA – interview the week of May 5, 2008 for Serial Number 10/627,191

1. The combination of cited references does not teach the *particular* grouping criteria set forth in the claims.

- The suggestion of using Erickson's actions as first criteria and variables as second criteria does not teach the use of computer profile data nor does it teach a primary and secondary relationship between the criteria. Further, the suggested actions and variables do not define groups – they are instead associated with scripts and are applied to or performed on the groups. Examples of actions are copy, delete and so forth. See, e.g., Col. 1 line 61 - Col. 2, line 5. Thus, the groups and the hierarchical tree structure are established separately from the actions and variables. See, e.g., Col. 2, lines 34-37; Col. 6, lines 37-39; Col. 8, lines 4 et seq.

- The suggestion of using McCormack's information such as group filter id, filter metadata id and so forth as primary grouping criteria, and filter value as second grouping criteria does not teach use of computer profile data nor does it teach a primary and secondary relationship between the criteria. Further, the suggested information are used to construct or point to predetermined filters, which are to be applied to the database. See, e.g., Col. 8, lines 47-50; Col. 15, lines 47 et seq.; Fig. 4B.

2. The combination of cited references does not teach the *particular* reports set forth in the claims.

- Erickson teaches a hierarchical tree structure in which the children inherit from their parents – and using the hierarchical tree structure would result in each report for a given group including all the devices on the tree, since the attributes of the patents are inherited by the children.

- The McCormick system produces for a given group a view that is defined by the associated filters. See, e.g., Col. 13, lines 56-59. The view consists of filter-specific information – other information about the computers identified using the filters is not available in the view. Also, the view does not contain any information about computers in any *other* groups. Even if we applied the view to the Erickson tree, the view would contain filter-specific information about the computers on the tree, since presumably the entire tree would be in the view as discussed above.

3. 35 USC §101 rejection of claim 20